

GATHERING

Voluntary.....J. S. Bach
Two Chorale Settings on “Our Father Who Art in Heaven”

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee.....Benedictine Plainsong

† Processional Hymn No. 126.....Mit Freuden Zart
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

† Call to Worship.....Erin Racine
Liturgist: *Come and worship--*
People: **that we might awaken to the wonder of God’s presence.**
Liturgist: *Come and sing –*
People: **that we might declare the glory of Christ in harmony.**
Liturgist: *Come and pray –*
People: **that God’s Spirit might move in our midst!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Merciful God, we confess
that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance
Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**
All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

† An Act of Praise
Antiphon (Choir and Congregation)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on earth.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Lenten Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*).....Jenny Charles
O God, we offer all of our preconceptions about this Scripture, all of our safe, familiar interpretations, to the flame of your refining fire. Turn them into ashes, and let new meaning rise like the sun at the dawn of a new day. Amen.

A lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 6:1-15(pew Bible, page 787)

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Meditation: The Practice of Prayer.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Stacey Harwell-Dye

The Offering

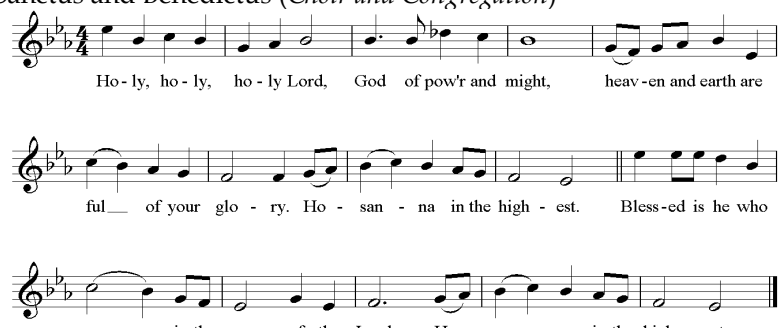
Offertory: Weave A Silence.....Janet Smiley
Weave a silence onto my lips, weave a silence into my mind, weave a silence within my heart. Close my ears to distractions, close my eyes to attractions, close my heart to temptations. Calm me, O Lord, as you stilled the storm. Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease. Enfold me, Lord in peace. Lord, in your peace. (*David Adam*)

† Presentation of the Offering and the Elements

† Doxology.....No. 95

† Thanksgiving
Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

† Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

† Sanctus and Benedictus (*Choir and Congregation*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
ful - of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Remembrance
People:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration
People:

Through your Son, Je - sus - Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in your Ho - ly
Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

Lord’s Prayer Litany
People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**
Liturgist: *Mystery beyond our knowing, close to us as our breathing, in humble awe we pray*

(*Pray in silence*)

People: **Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
Liturgist: *We pray that your vision of justice and mercy would be made real in our world even now.*

(*Pray in silence*)

People: **Give us this day our daily bread.**
Liturgist: *We pray for your vision of enough: enough sustenance, enough warmth, enough healing for all of your children.*

(*Pray in silence*)

People: **Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
Liturgist: *We pray for the grace to let go of that which deals in death, as we embrace your vision for life.*

(*Pray in silence*)

People: **Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
Liturgist: *Help us to follow you more closely, that we might dwell in the safety of your everlasting arms.*

(*Pray in silence*)

People: **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**
Liturgist: *We give you thanks for your presence here and now, and in the life to come.*

People: **Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread and Taking of the Cup
The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the following hymns during communion: 287, 296, and 297.

† Prayer after Receiving
Celebrant: *You have given yourself to us, Lord.*
People: **Now we give ourselves for others.**
Celebrant: *Your love has made us a new people;*
People: **as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**
Celebrant: *Your glory has filled our hearts;*
People: **help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

- † Recessional Hymn No. 378: Amazing Grace.....Amazing Grace
- † Benediction
- † Benediction Response: Amen.....Peter C. Lutkin
- Voluntary: Prélude from *Trois Pièces*.....Gabriel Pierné
*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
 All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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The altar flowers today were donated by West End's Serendipity Circle in honor of their continued friendship, their families and their many friends at WEUMC, and in memory of Laura Trent, one of their dear founders whose birthday was March 1st.



*Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability.
We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!*

Sunday Activities

- Service Times.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
- Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
- Children's Choir.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112. If you prefer to step out of the service, worship is live-streamed in Bishop's Parlor.

An accessible, all-gender restroom is available in Bishop's Parlor. This single-stall restroom includes a diaper changing station and assistance railing.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Byron Burrus

Liturgy: Erin Racine

The Call to Worship is inspired by a prayer litany by Chuck Fromm and Jeremy Armstrong in an article in *Worship Leader* magazine. The Lord's Prayer Litany was adapted from a prayer by Katherine Hawker on the Liturgies Outside blog. The Lenten Prayer for Illumination was adapted from a prayer by Maren C. Tirabassi.

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Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ. Christy Hathcock, Rebecca Frame Collier, and Kyle Collier, trio.

Today's Music: Newton's autobiographical hymn, "Amazing Grace," reveals a deeply felt conversion and transformation from his former life as a slave trader. It was first printed at XLI in *Olney Hymns*, 1779, under the superscription "I Chronicles xvii. 16-17, Faith's review and expectation." The Olney collection was one of the first collections of evangelical hymns produced for use in an Anglican Parish. (Newton was curate in the Olney Parish from 1764-1780.) The hymn entered American songbooks early in the nineteenth century through *Zion Songster*, 1829, but it was not included in our official books until the 1847 hymnal of the southern church. Since then it has been included in all our hymnals, usually in five stanzas, omitting the original sixth stanza, "The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine, But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine." (Carlton Young)

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